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Subject: Inspection of Borne Chemical Co., Elizabeth, New Jersey

Dear Fred:

This is to inform you of a possible uncontrolled hazardous storage situation at the above facility.

During the SPCC inspection that we conducted for Coles Phinzy, Borne Management began explaining that 9 of their 23 tanks in the tank farm contained unknown amounts of chemical waste which they contend was placed there by Coastal Services, Inc. while that company was leasing space at Borne. In addition, we noted that there were several pools of waste laying on the ground in the "diked" area. Borne stated that this was dumped there by Coastal.

There are also approximately 1,000-2,000 55-gallon drums containing waste located on the property and in some of the buildings. Many of these are leaking.

Borne claims that neither the drums nor the waste in the tanks are of their doing and claim they are trying, through legal channels, to force the responsible companies to move them.

An IR analysis characterization of the tanks' contents was done by Borne (see copy attached). It's a possibility that these tanks may contain dangerous wastes but, obviously, this analysis cannot really say.

In light of the fact that the chemical control site is only about a 1/4 mile down the road, it might be a good idea to have this place checked out thoroughly by Rick Spear's group to avoid a possible recurrence.

Sincerely,

David L. White